

# **Tiverton School Committee Meeting**

**December 14, 2010**

**Regular Session**

**Board Members Present: Mrs. Pallasch, Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Herrmann, Mr. Bergandy**

**Administrators Present: Superintendent Rearick, Mr. Fiore, Mrs. Sanna, Mr. Fezette, Mrs. Blaess, Mrs. Aull**

## **Minutes**

**1) Call to Order-The December 14, 2010 was called to order by Mrs. Black at 7:00 p.m. with a Pledge of Allegiance.**

## **Consent Agenda**

**2) Approval of Minutes**

**a) Regular: 11/23/2010**

**b) Executive: 11/23/2010**

## **End Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Pallasch/Herrmann to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote 4-0. Mr. Bergandy was not present when the vote was taken.**

**A motion was made by Pallasch/Herrmann to move to items 4c) SPARK Program K-12, 4d) High School Leaders Update, 5a)**

**Legislative Update, next on the agenda. Vote 4-0. Mr. Bergandy was not present when the vote was taken.**

### **3) Policy Development, Revision and Review**

- #223-Code of Ethics for School Board Members**
- #981-Recruitment, Advertisement and Hiring Policy and Practices for School District Administrators and Faculty**
- #989-Rhode Island Educator Code of Professional Responsibility**
- #990-Rhode Island Professional Teaching Standards**
- #991-Rhode Island Leadership Standards for Building and Central Office Administrators**

**A motion was made by Pallasch/Herrmann to accept all policy revisions. Vote 5-0.**

### **4) Old Business**

**a) Little Compton Upcoming Meeting Discussion-Mr. Rearick has received notification from the Little Compton Superintendent that they would like to meet on January 19, for an informal discussion regarding Little Compton students attending Tiverton High School. The Chairperson and the Little Compton School Committee attorney will also be in attendance.**

**b) Health & Wellness-Mrs. Black announced that the Food Advisory Group visits to the schools went well. The students on the food advisory do have a voice.**

**c) SPARK Program K-12 (Students Performing Real Acts of Kindness)-SPARK is a very powerful free K-12 Program that**

**recognizes all students performing real acts of kindness.**

**d) High School Leaders Update- Members of the Peer Helping Network and the Student Council reported on recent events and upcoming activities. The bullying assembly held recently was a huge success.**

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**e) 2011/2012 Budget-The school committee will hold a budget workshop on January 4, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. Mr. Rearick will provide a Power Point presentation regarding the budget that evening.**

**f) Teacher Evaluation Instrument-Mr. Rearick attended a public hearing at East Providence High School on November 22nd. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the new teacher evaluation plan that is being developed by R.I.D.E. The new evaluation instrument is a work in progress.**

**g) Council 94 Negotiations-Mr. Rearick asked the Committee to consider having this item only in Executive Session on January 18th at 7:00 p.m.**

## **5) New Business**

**a) Legislative Update-Questions and Answers-Representative Jay Edwards and State Senators Walter Felag and Louis DiPalma discussed legislation that may come up at the next session of the General Assembly. The school funding formula, abolishment of school committees and binding arbitration were discussed. Mr. Felag suggested that we should give legislators a “heads up” on bills that would have a dramatic effect on the schools.**

**b) NEASC Accreditation Core Value Statement-A motion was made by Pallasch/Herrmann to approve the Core Value Statement as presented. Vote 5-0.**

**c) Early Retirement Reinsurance Program Agreement-A motion was made by Bergandy/Pallasch to approve the agreement provided to the Committee by Mr. Fiore. Vote 5-0.**

**d) Band Trip Request Approval-A motion was made by Black/Herrmann to approve the band trip to Florida, as requested by Mr. Alves. Vote 5-0.**

## **6) Reports/Announcements**

- Mr. Fiore provided the board with the financial statement through November.**

- Mrs. Coulter asked Mr. Robinson to look into what the procedure is by law and per our Charter as to which body schedules the Joint meeting, the school committee or the town council, and if the meeting should be held by December 31st.**

**7) POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION(PL42-46-4)-A motion was made by Bergandy/Pallasch to move into Executive Session under (PL42-46-4), (SS42-46-5)(a)(2), to discuss Legal Issues and Superintendent's Evaluation. The roll call vote was unanimous.**

**Upon returning to open session Mrs. Black reported that litigation was discussed, no vote was taken.**

**8) Adjournment-A motion was made by Herrmann/Pallasch to adjourn.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Elaine Pavao**

**School Board Clerk**